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DEPT PASS AGRIC FOR HUME AND FITZSIMMONDS

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD EAGR JA

SUBJ: CITRUS/MEDFLY

REFS: A) FASTO 600; B) TOKYO 15700

1. AGATT CALLED ON OGASWARA, DEPT DIR GEN, AG PROD BUREAU, MAF (SAWABE WAS AT DIET MTG) IN AM AND TAKASU, DIR, INTL DEPT, IN PM ON NOV 5 TO EXPRESS DEEP U.S. CONCERN OVER SUBJECT AND ESPECIALLY TO REQUEST THAT MAF NOT TAKE ANY DRASTIC MEASURES BEFORE BECOMING THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH SITUATION.

2. AT BOTH MEETINGS, CONTENTS REF A WERE COVERED. AGATT ALSO EXPLAINED TO OGASAWARA THAT USDA WAS THINKING OF SENDING APHIS EXPERT TO JAPAN TO EXPLAIN SITUATION THOROUGHLY.

3. OGASAWARA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U.S. CONCERN AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S. PLANT QUARANTINE OPERATIONS. HE EXPLAINED THAT MAF HAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO SEND MOTOMIYA, DIR, PLANT PROTECTION DIV, AND ONE MAF/

PQ SPECIALIST (ENTOMOLOGIST) TO U.S. ASAP TO OBSERVE QUARANTINE/ERADICATION PROGRAMS IN OPERATION AND TO CONSULT WITH USDA OFFICIALS AND SCIENTISTS. MAF WILL THEN MAKE ITS DECISION ON BASIS OF

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THIS PQ TEAM'S FINDINGS. OGASAWARA ALSO EXPRESSED HIS HOPE AND DESIRE TO KEEP MATTER STRICTLY IN SCIENTIFIC REALM.

4. AGATT EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THIS PLAN AND AT OGASAWARA'S REQUEST PROMISED TO SEEK USDA'S FULL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO SEND MR. K. KIYOMIYA OF AGATT OFFICE WITH TEAM A'S INTERPRETER AND GUIDE.

5. MAF TEAM VISIT, THEN, WILL PRECLUDE, FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST, NECESSITY OF SENDING APHIS EXPERT TO TOKYO AS REQUESTED REF B.

6. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, AGATT REPS AND MAF/PQ HAVE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR TEAM.

NOV 12 1025 HRS LV TOKYO VIA JAL NO 6.

1333 HRS AR WASHDC (NTAL) VIA NA 421

NOV 13 ALL DAY MEET WITH USDA OFFICIALS INCLUDING VISIT TO HYATTSVILLE

NOV 14 A.M. LV WASHDC
AR LOS ANGELES

NOV 15 ALL DAY OBSERVER INTER-STATE QUARANTINE PROGRAMS IN OPERATION

NOV 16 ALL DAY INSPECT APHIS EMERGENCY QUARANTINE AND ERADICATION PROGRAMS IN INFESTED AREA

NOV 17 ALL DAY SAME AS ABOVE

NOV 18 A.M. LV LOS ANGELES

P.M. AR HILO - OBSERVE PAPAYA TREATMENT

NOV 19 A.M. LV HILO

AR HONOLULU - VISIT FRUITFLY LAB

NOV 20 1525 HRS LV HONOLULU VIA JAL NO 61

NOV 21 1920 HRS AR TOKYO

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. USING ABOVE TENTATIVE ITINERARY AS GUIDE, PLEASE FASTO TA AND NECESSARY FISCAL DATA FOR KIYOMIYA TO MAKE TRIP AS INTERPRETER AND GUIDE. FISCAL DATA NEEDED FOR EMBASSY TO PURCHASE TICKETS. TA SHOULD INCLUDE AUTHORIZATION FOR KIYOMIYA TO TRAVEL BY JAL (NON AMERICAN FLAG CARRIER) AS THIS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO FULLY PERFORM HIS DUTIES. (MAF/PQ TEAM MEMBERS MUST TRAVEL ON JAL WHEN TRAVEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPENSE BORNE BY MAF.)

B. PLEASE SECURE RESERVATIONS (THREE SINGLES) IN APPROPRIATE HOTELS/MOTELS AS ITINERARY INDICATES.

C. MAF/PQ REALIZES NOV 15 AND 16 NON WORK DAYS, BUT DUE TO TIME RESTRAINTS TEAM WISHES TO WORK ON THOSE DAYS TOO. IF POSSIBLE, USDA AND/OR CALIF CITRUS INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION (PERHAPS BY PRIVATE PLANE) TO AND FROM STATE LINE PQ CHECKPOINT AREA(S) WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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